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U.S. Trained Invaders, Speaker Says

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The Midwest representative of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee told an Ohio State campus audience Friday night that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency "trained, armed, encouraged and gave advice" to counter revolutionaries in the Cuban invasion and "bungled the job as well."

Edward B. Shaw, who identified himself as a stationary engineer from Detroit, told a capacity crowd of 300 students and faculty members in the Ohio Union conference theater that "not only the press but also our government" was guilty of mishandling the Cuban revolution.

He branded as "hysterical" U.S. press reports from the Cuban invasion which, he said, told of great triumphs by the revolutionaries.

HE ASSERTED the "great majority" of the Cuban people solidly support their government.

"Castro would not last five minutes if he were as unpopular as the American people seem to think," he said.

Shaw declared that widespread anti-American demonstrations indicate the United States has suffered a "loss of prestige" among Latin-American peoples because of its alleged interference in the revolution.

In a question-and-answer period Shaw said he believes Communist Party membership in Cuba is on the increase but that "U.S. news-



ASKS FAIR PLAY FOR CUBA—Edward W. Shaw, right, of Detroit, Midwest representative for Fair Play for Cuba, formed, he said, because Cuba is not getting a "fair play" in the American press, talked in Ohio Union Friday evening. His appearance was sponsored by the Ohio State University Student Senate of which Phillip Moots, left, is president. He's shown here answering questions in the Ohio Union Theater.—(Dispatch Photo)

papers have blown the statistics all out of proportion."

"At first," he said, tongue in cheek, "we knew that Fidel Castro was not a Communist. Then we 'discovered' that some of his relatives, notably his brother Raul—had been to Czechoslovakia. All major government leaders in Cuba are now being accused . . . of being Communist."

SHAW BRUSHED off questions about the fact that Waldo Frank, chairman of the Fair Play for Cuba Committee, had written an article in 1932 entitled "How I Came to Communism."

The speaker described the committee as a non-profit educational group composed of about 6000 members.

He said a CBS newsman, Robert Taber, founded the organization April 5, 1960, after spending six months in Cuba during the revolution.